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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Fiji

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Fiji, for the period 1997 to 2001. The recent political events in the country have resulted in delays in meeting the delivery targets of the current programmes and projects, as well as the formulation of the second CCF. In consultation with all parties concerned, the country office has requested a one-year extension of the first CCF, to enable UNDP to formulate the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and to synchronize its programme cycle with those of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF are good governance, with an emphasis on public sector effectiveness, efficiency and support to the Parliament of Fiji in improving the information and advisory services to Parliamentarians; support for vulnerable groups, with an emphasis on poverty eradication; and environmental management and protection, with an emphasis on renewable energy and national strategy development and action on preserving the country's biodiversity. While these areas will continue to remain valid in the second CCF, UNDP will seek to strengthen and streamline its activities during the period of the extension, in light of the recent political crisis, and based on the outcome of the General Elections in August 2001.

II. Objectives

3. UNDP will continue to support the Government in promoting good governance through capacity-building programmes in both centralized and decentralized planning and development, and provide assistance through the International Labour Organization for the Government's Integrated Human Resource Development Initiative. In addition, Global Environment Facility-funded projects will be continued, along with close work with the Government towards developing a national strategy for poverty eradication.

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III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Fiji for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Fiji (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	573	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	492	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	324	
Subtotal	**1 389** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	173	
Third party cost-sharing	140	AusAID
Funds, trust funds and other	989	
of which:		
GEF	989	
Subtotal	**1 302**	
Grand total	**2 691** [a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; AusAID = Australian Agency for International Development; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; PSI = Poverty Strategy Initiatives; SPPD = Support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.